GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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SUBSIDY FOR TEA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are granting subsidies for growing tea in the non-traditional areas;

(b) if so, the States where these subsidies have been given for growing tea;

(c) whether any incentive has been given for growing tea in the State of Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO)

(a): During formulation of 10th Plan schemes, emphasis has been given on renovation of field assets, improving productivity and quality from the existing area rather than expansion with a view to maintain a parity between demand and supply situation. The expansion programme for growing teas in the non-traditional States has been kept at 1,250 hectares during 10th Plan period.

(b): During the 10th Plan, the tea expansion programme would be limited for small tea growers (holding upto 10.12 hectares) of non-traditional areas located in the North-Eastern States including Sikkim and the State of Uttranchal.

(c): No tea expansion programme in Orissa has been contemplated with financial incentives from the Tea Board during the 10th Plan period.

(d): Does not arise.